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Daytime burglaries prompt police call for vigilance

RESIDENTS in Ormskirk and Aughton have been urged to be on their guards following what police have described as "small increase" in the number of daytime burglaries in the area.

Officers have also issued an appeal for help in identifying four males involved in a high-value burglary on Stone Mason Crescent, Ormskirk, committed on the evening of Saturday, January 26.

CCTV images from the burglary are posted on the Ormskirk and Burscough Police Facebook page and any information can be addressed to PCTim Phillips of the South Burglary Team by email at 900@lancashire.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101 quoting log reference number LC-20190126-1265.

A 16-year-old has been arrested in connection with the incident on suspicion of burglary and released under investigation pending further enquiries.

Inspector Bernie Coburn, of Lancashire Police, said: "In the past month police have seen a small increase in daytime burglaries in the Ormskirk and Aughton areas.

"We take all reports of burglary very seriously and officers have since arrested five people, charging two with burglary offences.

"We would like to reassure the public that patrols have been increased in these areas and work is ongoing to target and disrupt the individuals we believe are responsible.

"We would also ask the public to remain vigilant and contact the police should they see any suspicious activity."

MUM'S CANCER FIGHTING FUND HITS £80K MARK

Report by **Kenny Parker**

'Amazing' response to appeal to raise £200,000 for pioneering treatment

A FUND set up to raise £200,000 to enable a brave mum-of-two to have pioneering treatment for an aggressive form of brain cancer has topped the £80,000 mark - thanks to an 'amazing' response by family, friends and the community.

Isabel Morison from Aughton, was diagnosed with a grade four primary glioblastoma - the fastest-growing and most aggressive form of brain cancer - in March of last year.

An initial operation failed to remove all of the tumour and she was given only 12 to 15 months to live.

Since then the 40-year-old has undegone a number of treatments which appear to have stemmed the progress of the disease, including radiotherapy, chemotherapy and Optune, a non-invasive technique which uses electric fields delivered via a set of adhesive patches worn like a skull cap, designed to prevent the tumour from growing or spreading quickly.

However, Isabel's best hope is pioneering immunotherapy treatment, which is currently undergoing trials on the NHS and is unlikely to be available to her for months.

As a consequence, she must pay privately for treatment, likely to take place in either Germany or India.

A first injection, targeted at the specific type of cancer would cost £150,000 with subsequent follow-up injections costing £50,000.

Friends, family, colleagues, and the local community have really rallied round to Isabel's cause and a variety of fundraising events have so far raised an impressive £80,000.

Isabel Morison, wearing her Optune cap, with husband Stuart and children Dylan and Lucy.

Efforts to date have included a charity ball, a kids' disco, a carol concert at a local church organised by the Rotary Club, a carol concert at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool, a bingo night and football matches.

'Unbelievable'

Last year pupils from her children Lucy and Dylan's school, St Anne's RC Primary in Ormskirk, visited the famous Abbey Road studios to record an album called *Grace will Lead Me Home* which is available to download on CD.

Forthcoming events include a Mother's Day-themed fundraising night on Saturday, March 23 at St Anne's social centre, Ormskirk.

A grateful Isabel, a music teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic College in Crosby, has been amazed by the support which she says has helped to keep her going.

She told the Champion: "The fundraising has been unbelievable. We have done one event ourselves but everything else has come through social media, my school, my children's school and people in the local communities. It has been amazing, how much people want to help.

"I also think that people want to help because I have two young children - Lucy is coming up to seven and Dylan to 10 - and the longer I can have with them the better."

She also hopes the fundraising events will have been of benefit to those taking part.

"We try to make sure that everyone involved gets something from the events so that we are making memories for the future.

"The support from these people helps me get up and face everyday with positivity!"

Isabel is due to have a scan on Friday (February 15) when doctors will discuss further options for her treatment.

To donate to the appeal go to www.gofundme.com/isabel-treatment-fund.

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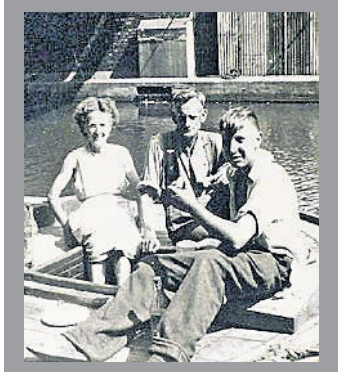

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County council backs campaign for changes to how mental health is viewed in the workplace

Report by Henry James

LANCASHIRE County Council is supporting a national scheme to encourage employers to change the way they think and act about mental health in the workplace.

The authority's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, County Councillor Shaun Turner and chief executive, Angie Ridgwell, signed the Time to Change pledge at County Hall on Thursday, February 7.

Time to Change encourages employers to show their commitment to change the way they think and act about mental health.

The campaign includes practical advice to help managers to identify some of the common issues that can affect employees' mental health at work and support their efforts to address them.

County Councillor Turner said: "We're committed to the Time to Change scheme and we'd encourage other organisations across Lancashire to sign-up.

"Mental Health issues affect one in four of us and work-related stress and anxiety all contribute to this.

"By helping to identify issues that are causing stress, being open about mental health issues and putting actions in place to give employees the support they need, you'll be making a huge difference to the wellbeing of your workforce.

"We're working closely with Time to Change and Remploy who offer support for local organisations and anyone who is suffering from work-related stress."

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County Councillor Shaun Turner and LCC chief executive, Angie Ridgwell with the Time to Change pledge.

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Desert marathon challenge for student who battled back from horror accident

Report by **Henry James**

James overcame life-changing injuries now he's tackling the 'hardest foot race in the world' in aid of charities

AN Edge Hill University student who overcame life-changing injuries following a cycling accident is embarking on a once-in-a-lifetime challenge to raise thousands of pounds for charity.

Sports and Exercise Science student James Thompson has taken up a host of endurance challenges after making a full physical recovery from the horrific accident that doctors only gave him a 10 per cent chance of surviving.

The 21-year-old from Maghull flourished on two wheels as a teenager and had been in contention for a place on the British Olympic Development Squad prior to the incident in June 2014, which left him in a coma with multiple bleeds on the brain, as well as other major injuries.

"I was left with a right-sided paralysis leaving me unable to walk, talk or eat", James recalled. "I spent three months in The Walton Centre and was told the chances of getting back to a normal life were slim and that after the initial impact the chances of living were about 10 per cent.

"But thanks to the amazing doctors and nursing staff I made a full physical recovery after 12 months' community rehabilitation and could return to sport."

While working towards reaching his previous level of performance, the former Deyes High School head boy sought a different challenge - which is when he focused on combining running and swimming along with his cycling prowess, to help raise money for good causes.

"I began to compete in marathons, fell marathons and Ironman triathlons, all of which I had never contemplated before my injury."

Edge Hill student James Thompson who is preparing to tackle the gruelling Marathon Des Sable to raise money for The Walton Centre and Cancer Research North West.

And now he's looking to take his ambitions a step further. On April 5, James is due to fly to the Western Sahara Desert to participate in Marathon Des Sables. Dubbed as the 'hardest foot race in the world', competitors are required to cover 156 miles over five days (almost six marathons).

"It's a particularly difficult course through sand dunes in temperature extremes of up to 45ºC at midday to below zero overnight," James said. "All of this is done carrying all your food and sufficient water to complete each day."

James has been helped in his quest thanks to being awarded an Excellence Scholarship of £2,000 by the university.

"I have full use of the facilities at Edge Hill, including an environmental chamber where I can simulate desert temperatures. It has been an expensive event, costing £4,000 to enter. All kit and training is purchased on top of that so my scholarship has helped massively."

Natural

How does an average training week look for someone who has to plan and commit so much time and effort into his preparations?

"It would start with a 10km tempo run, followed by a track session on the Tuesday. Pilates and weights follows the following day before 200m-800 reps, with Friday a rest day. On Saturday I do 1km reps and 10 dunes work, with a long, 20km-40km run completing the week."

For somebody with such an active lifestyle, it seems a natural fit that James is considering the Royal Marines post-university. But what about his next challenge?

"I may consider swimming the Channel and I also want to do a bit of hiking in Nepal. Dream big! The impossible only become possible when you believe it."

James is raising money for The Walton Centre and Cancer Research North West when he competes in the Marathon Des Sables and would welcome support.

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£18.3m extra funding boost for hospital trust

Health chiefs say injection will help reduce deficit and avoid penalty fees

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will receive £18.3m in extra funding for the next financial year.

Health chiefs say the money will help them reduce the trust's deficit and thereby avoid penalty fees.

The trust was expecting to receive similar funds to 2018 but will now benefit from the additional funding - some of which will also be invested in key areas such as orthodontia and A&E.

Chief executive of the trust, Silas Nicholls, said : "I'm delighted we have secured £18.3 million of additional funding to help improve our financial position – this money was more than we had been expecting from the Government and will help to alleviate existing pressures."

Over the past year, the work completed at the trust has included an extended and refurbished A&E department at Southport Hospital and the opening of an assessment unit for patients with urgent surgical referrals, as well as some patients arriving for planned procedures.

A day case unit has also been established at Ormskirk Hospital, along with a permanent discharge and transfer lounge at Southport Hospital for patients who are ready to go home; and quiet rooms at both hospital A&Es for patients who need a calm environment.

Library hosts wizard event

PARBOLD Library is hosting a Harry Potter Wizard School for Beginners, involving games, activities, and crafts for five to eight-year-olds on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 19 and 20, between 10.30 and 11.30am. There is a £1 charge to pay for materials with families paying a maximum of £2. No advanced booking is available.

History group strike talk

PAT Ireland will give a talk about the South West Lancashire Agricultural Strike of 1913, centred in Ormskirk and held to coincide with a visit to West Lancs by King George V, at the next meeting of the Ormskirk District Historical Society on Monday, February 18.

This is at the usual meeting place at Four Lane Ends Mission, Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe, starting at 7.30pm.

Visitors are welcome to attend meetings for a £3 entrance fee. Admission is free for students with appropriate identification.

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Northern Rail strike action suspended after guarantee over retention of guards

Report by **Henry James**

Saturday services on Northern Rail are expected to return to normal this week after the RMT union agreed to suspend strike action.

THE long-running strike action on Northern Rail services over the retention and the role of the guard on trains has been suspended following what the RMT union described as "substantial progress" in talks.

The union has said that Northern has now offered a guarantee of a conductor on all trains, including the new fleet, for the duration of the current franchise which runs until 2025.

The guarantee is supported by the Department for Transport.

RMT general secretary Mick Cash said: "Firstly I want to pay tribute to RMT's members whose resilience and determination though two years and 47 days of action has been the foundation on which this major breakthrough has been based

"I also want to thank the travelling public for their extraordinary support and both Andy Burnham and Steve Rotheram for their efforts that have been important in allowing us to break the deadlock.

"The offer of a guarantee of a conductor on all services throughout the duration of the franchise, including the new fleet, is the substantial progress we have been pushing for and has allowed RMT's executive to take the decision to suspend the current action and allow for further talks to now take place with all stakeholders around the operational details.

"The union will make further statements in due course."

Managing director of Northern, David Brown, commented: "We warmly welcome RMT's decision to suspend its strike action and recommence talks about what the future role of the conductor looks like.

"We have been very clear in these discussions that there will be a conductor on all our trains now and into the future. We are looking forward to further positive talks with RMT about operational models moving ahead so that we can resolve their dispute and bring it to an end.

"The suspension of the RMT strikes is good news for customers and businesses across the North."

The company said that it expected to recommence running a full Saturday service from February 16.

● A SURVEY by Transport Focus, the independent transport user watchdog, has shown that passenger satisfaction with rail services overall has fallen to a 10-year low. Overall satisfaction was 79 per cent, the lowest level since 2008 with more than one in five passengers not satisfied.

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Paul Edgerton, 29, from Long Moor Lane, Liverpool, was found guilty of the offences at Preston Magistrates Court. He was sentenced to 12 weeks imprisonment and ordered to pay a surcharge of £115.

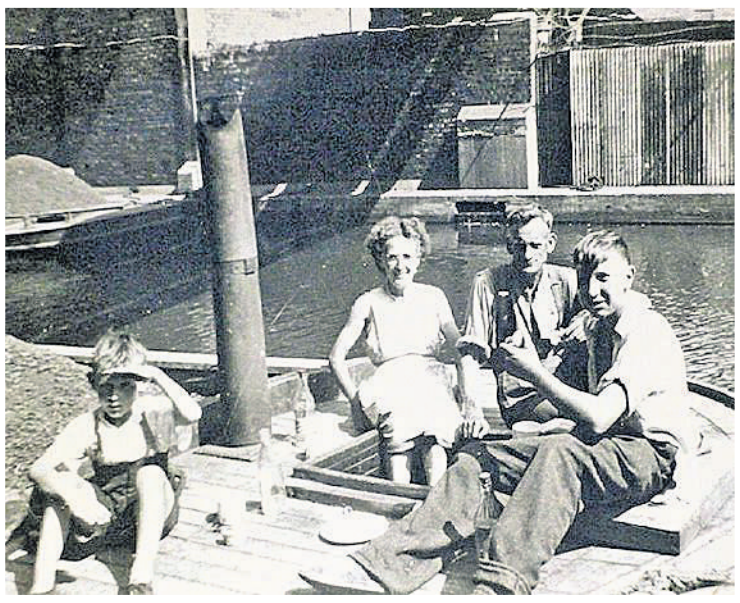
Heritage group presentation on families who worked canal

BURSCOUGH Heritage Group is to host a presentation about the life of the families that worked on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

Leading the presentation will be Janet Lawson, who has first-hand experience of the way of life. Her husband George, who will assist, was a working boatman who followed his father into the trade after leaving school. His family was one of the many in Burscough who earned a living by carrying goods on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

The talk will be held at The Blue Mallard on Burscough Wharf, on Monday, February 18 starting at 7.30pm. Entry is by a £2 donation.

For more information ring Colin Wareing on 07931 356204.



Fascinating flashback . . . the Lawson family on their boat on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

Just one week left to have your say on Burscough plan

Residents and businesses urged to take opportunity to comment on scheme that will shape development of area over next eight years

Report by **Kenny Parker**

RESIDENTS, businesses and landowners in and around Burscough have just a week left to give their views on a new plan which will shape development in the local area for the next eight years.

The Burscough Parish Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the parish council in consultation with the local community and has now been passed to West Lancs Borough Council to take forward for examination in line with national legislation.

The Neighbourhood Plan contains a vision, objectives and planning policies for the Burscough parish area, covering a time period to 2027. It will shape what development takes place in the future and where; what new buildings will be expected to look like; what new infrastructure may be needed; and which sites, such as open spaces, should be protected.

The borough council is reminding people that the public consultation about the plans ends in Wednesday, February 20, until which time comments are invited. The consultation is open to anyone, but the council would particularly like to hear the views of people living and working in Burscough.

Councillor John Hodson.

After the consultation ends the plan and responses received will be sent to an independent examiner to consider if the plan is satisfactory.

If so, there will then be a referendum for people living in the Burscough parish area to decide if they are in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. If a majority are in favour, the plan would then be adopted as West Lancs Council policy and would be used to determine planning applications in the Burscough parish area alongside the West Lancashire Local Plan and other local and national planning policies.

Councillor John Hodson, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "The Burscough Parish Neighbourhood Plan has been drafted by Burscough Parish Council and is the first such plan to be produced in West Lancashire. The parish council has spent a significant amount of time working with the local community to decide the content of the plan.

"The public consultation is a great opportunity for residents, businesses and landowners to have a say on the plan and shape the future of the local area.

"We are grateful to everyone who has already made comments for the consultation and would encourage others who want to give their views to do so."

To see a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan and find out how you can give your views visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/np. Paper copies of the plan and response form can also be obtained from Martland Mill, Burscough Library and the Grove Community Centre, as well as West Lancs Council offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.

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Care home staff learn how to put the 'oomph' into activities!

CARE home staff are learning how to add extra 'oomph' to daily well-being and activities programmes for residents.

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Oomph!, it stands for Our Organisation Makes People Happy, is a social enterprise dedicated to enhancing the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of older adults.

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Staff are also taught how to lead safe, fun and engaging exercise sessions for residents of all abilities. The World Health Organisation recommends 150 minutes of physical activity on at least three separate occasions per week for older adults with poor mobility.

The home says that all the staff are excited to see the benefits that the Oomph! training will bring.

Activities worker, Brenda Gardner, said: "With support from Oomph! we can look forward to offering even more dynamic ideas that are tailored to people's individual needs.

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And fellow activities worker Betty McLoughlin added: "It's such a fresh and exciting new initiative for us to be involved with and will certainly enhance our existing activities programme at the home."

Stocks Hall staff with their certificates.

Pensioner says he was denied chance to speak at CCG 'open' meeting

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A PENSIONER has accused the West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group of misleading the public by claiming that its meetings are 'open and transparent' after he says he was refused the chance to speak at a recent meeting of its Primary Care Commissioning Committee.

Barrie French from Ormskirk attended the meeting at Ormskirk Hospital on Tuesday, January 29 but he says that when he tried to speak about an item on the agenda the chairman said the meeting was closed, even though it was only 2.35pm and it had been advertised as running from 1.30 to 3pm.

The 74-year-old told the Champion: "At the start of the meeting the chair informed the meeting that Any Other Business would only refer to items arising from the agenda.

"I told him that the definition of AOB was to ask questions on items that were not on the agenda but he insisted for the purpose of this meeting it would be restricted to the agenda. I was tempted to leave at this point but decided to stay and see what would happen at end of the meeting.

"At the end of the meeting two ladies who were there had questions referring to the agenda and spoke on the items concerned.

"I then put my hand up to speak on item nine on the agenda but the chair closed the meeting. I said it was only 2.35pm and the scheduled end of the meeting time was 3pm, but he just said the meeting was closed. I tried to speak but was met by complete silence."

In response the CCG said the meeting had closed and that the published times are only a guide.

A spokesperson stated: "Our primary care commissioning committee meeting is held in public, which means members of the public are welcome to observe. At our last committee meeting, members of the public were welcomed to ask questions and all received full verbal responses.

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County council reminder to young people that phone and online support is on hand *every* day

Report by **Kenny Parker**

LANCASHIRE County Council is reminding young people that a phone and online service for when they are in need of help and advice is available every day of the year.

Talkzone offers advice, guidance, support and information for young people between the ages of 12 and 19. It is also available up to the age of 25 for young people with special educational needs or a disability.

Although it is usually advertised around Christmas and exam time when young people may be in need of someone to talk to, the county council, which runs the service, is keen for young people to know it is available all year around.

It can be accessed between 2 and 10pm by phone, email, text, Facebook, Twitter and webtalk.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said:

County Councillor Susie Charles.

"Talkzone is staffed by caring workers who are experienced in dealing with a wide range of issues - they've probably dealt with every problem and question under the sun. If you're a young person and need to discuss anything you can ring, text or email and one of our advisers will help. We've even tailored the hours that the service is available to fit with when young people use it the most."

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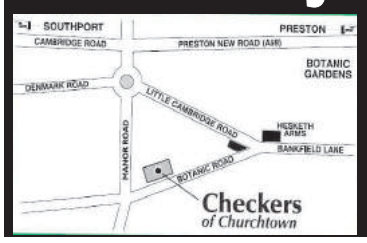

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Church sorry for cutting 'beautiful' tree without consulting neighbours

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A CHURCH council has apologised for drastically cutting back a 150-year-old horse chestnut tree, infected with a fungal disease, without consulting the local community.

Local resident Roger Marsh, whose home is only yards from the tree, said that St John the Baptist CE Church in Burscough had held no prior discussions about the plans before tree surgeons arrived to significantly cut back the tree, in a process known as pollarding.

Mr Marsh also claimed that the actions were probably unnecessary as there was only a small risk of branches falling off, and that by then chipping the wood afterwards the tree surgeons risked spreading the fungal spores to other plants in the area - including his garden.

He said: "All my trees, plants, grass, path and shed are covered in sawdust and tree debris."

The church council has responded by saying that it acted on professional advice and it is anticipated that the tree will grow back. However, it has apologised for not consulting more widely.

The horse chestnut tree shorn of its splendour after being pollarded.

Mr Marsh, who regularly attends the church along with his family, said the tree was only yards from the back of his house and was a beautiful sight.

And he claimed that pollarding is an old-fashioned and ineffective way of preserving trees as it can take 20 years for a tree to grow back from the process and will never regain its natural shape or beauty.

He added: "The remains of this poor tree look horrendous. The drastic cutting down of this once great tree was extreme and probably unnecessary.

"The 'risk' was small as it was mainly from one damaged branch which was broken off in a storm two years ago. A simple warning sign would have reduced and maybe eliminated that risk - something like 'please do not walk under the trees in windy weather.'"

A spokesperson for St John's church council said: "Having discovered a serious disease we consulted tree experts who advised on the best course of action to try and save the tree. This involved a significant cutting back of the tree in the anticipation that it will recover and re-grow.

"We are sorry that we didn't consult more about we were carrying out the work and regret any inconvenience it caused."

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Good causes urged to apply for share of £3m lottery funding

Report by **Henry James**

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Applications are open until Wednesday, February 20 and organisations ranging from social enterprises to voluntary groups and registered charities are eligible to apply for grants of between £500 and £20,000.

Grants are available through three different trusts all funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery with the sole purpose of supporting people and their communities across Great Britain. Each trust supports projects focused on specific themes.

The People's Postcode Trust looks to fund projects aimed at promoting human rights, combating discrimination and the prevention of poverty.

The Postcode Community Trust supports initiatives working to improve the health and wellbeing of communities, including arts and physical recreation projects, as well as those with a focus on reducing isolation

The Postcode Local Trust want to hear from groups working on flood prevention measures; those looking to implement renewable energy strategies and those dedicated to improving outdoor space, whether that's a play park, a skate park or something else.

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Local good causes are advised to take advantage by reading the short funding guides available and applying to the trust that best fits the aims of their project.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper said: "Funding from the People's Postcode Lottery's players makes a huge difference to thousands of good causes across the country.

"There are many incredible organisations across West Lancashire that would love a cash boost for a specific project. I therefore encourage any local charities or good causes who are looking for funding to apply as soon as possible."

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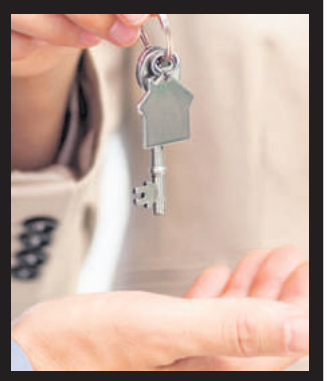

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Emma has sights on international call-up with a little help from university scholarship

A SPORTY Edge Hill student is hoping to earn a call-up for the England senior women's cricket team, thanks to the support she has received through a scholarship from the Ormskirk university.

Emma Lamb, who is in the final year of a sport and exercise science degree, was awarded a 'Gold' Sport Scholarship, entitling her to an award of £1,000 per academic year towards her studies, plus free benefits including annual gym membership on campus, personal training and sport science support tailored to her individual needs.

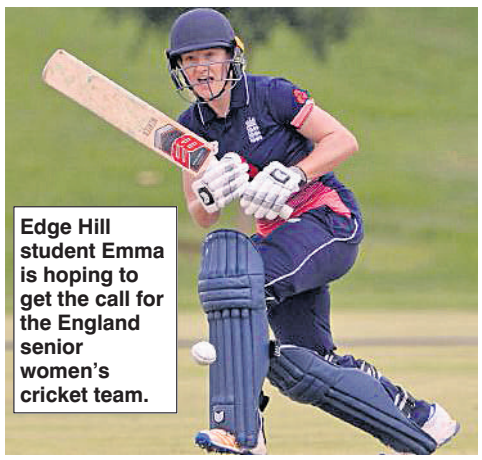
The 21-year-old currently plays with the England Senior Women's Academy and featured for the national senior team in an unofficial World Cup warm-up one-day victory over Ireland in April 2017.

She has played for Lancashire for more than a decade and has scored in excess of 2,500 runs in one-day and Twenty-20 formats since making her senior debut in 2012.

Being part of the national set-up entails training every other weekend at the England Cricket Board's main facility at Loughborough University, while she also does sessions with her county at Old Trafford. This means that forward planning is key to juggling her course work.

She said: "My training schedule varies, but it generally gets more full-on closer to the season. This means I have to plan in advance and make sure I prioritise doing my studies before training. I have good support staff at ECB who help me to do this, so I can always fit everything in."

At a time of a growing emphasis on women's sport, there's rarely been a better time to break through to the senior set-up. Contracts (currently 22 awarded to players) mean players can turn professional and focus on their game, while extra financial support, such as player sponsorships, is likely to enhance opportunities.



Edge Hill student Emma is hoping to get the call for the England senior women's cricket team.

Emma hopes that she will soon be selected for the national senior squad. "I feel that within the next year I will be making the full step-up into the senior squad if I continue to perform. This is my ultimate career goal, to play for England and make a mark with bat and ball. My aim is also to earn a full-time contract within the next two years.

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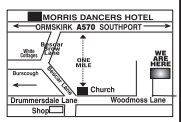

Town's cultural link with imperial Russia recalled

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Ormskirk-born gardener's masterpiece is still celebrated 234 years after its creation

THE incredible story of a man from Ormskirk who went on to become Russia's Imperial Gardener has been recalled following an email to the Champion!

A cultural link between the West Lancs market town and Kremenchug in Ukraine was brought to our attention when retired engineer Serhiy Lobinya contacted us to extol the virtues of his "favourite place" in his home city - a garden designed by Ormskirk-born William Gould.

Although little is known of Gould's early life, it is recorded that he was employed as gardener at Lathom House and became a protege of the man known as 'England's greatest gardener' Lancelot 'Capability' Brown.

And it's believed a recommendation by Brown led to Gould's Russian royal appointment in response to a call by Prince Grigory Potemkin, lover of Empress Catherine the Great, for English gardeners.

At that time Russia's empire covered much of present-day Ukraine and Gould worked on many of the imperial gardens, including what is now known as City Garden in Kremenchug - which brings us back to that unexpected email!

Addressing himself to the people of Ormskirk, Serhiy wrote: "Dear friends, I live in Kremenchug city, Poltava region. There is an old park which has the name of City Garden. I should say it is my favourite place in Kremenchug.

"The park was designed by William Gould, born in Ormskirk. He had a good career as a garden designer in the Russian Empire at the end of 18th Century.

William Gould's City Garden as it is now.

"It is interesting for me, but do Ormskirk people know about and remember William Gould? It is an interesting thing but due to that man a virtual cultural link exists between our cities."

And he added: "I like City Garden because it is a historical place, it is a beautiful nature place, is a part of my life."

June Bibby, a member of Ormskirk & District Family History Society, wrote a book about Gould, in which she said Empress Catherine II was known to adore English gardens and her lover Prince Grigory Potemkin became obsessed with 'Anglomania.' This resulted in a huge recruitment drive around 1775 to lure British 'experts', she said, including people to design gardens in the English style.

Among Gould's projects in Russia was overseeing the gardens at Prince Potemkin's Taurida Palace in St Petersburg. Plans for the palace gardens covered nearly 60 acres and it was there that Gould's reputation as an inventive and skilled gardener came into being. "Indeed, he was hailed as the Capability Brown of Russia!" writes June Bibby.

Gould went on to create gardens for numerous palaces throughout the empire, enjoying an opulent lifestyle with an abundance of servants and occasionally entertaining nobility.

It was in 1785 that he set out the Royal Grounds in Kremenchug, known as the English Garden Park and after Potemkin's death in 1791, he was appointed Imperial Gardener by Catherine.

Altogether he spent 30 years in Russia, returning to England in 1806 and from 1808 was known to have lived in Burscough Street, Ormskirk, with his daughter Elizabeth.

Although understandably much changed two centuries later the Kremenchug gardens, now called City Park, is still a favourite place for local people.

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Fly-tipper set fire to dumped boxes during heatwave

Magistrates order him to pay £713 and carry out 250 hours of community service

A FLY-tipper who dumped a load of boxes next to a stubble field in West Lancashire and set fire to them, at a time when parts of the country were suffering serious wildfires, has been fined more than £700 and ordered to carry out 250 hours of community service.

Wigan Magistrates Court heard that Adam Stanton, of Coronation Drive, Crosby, was one of the occupants of a van seen by witnesses fly-tipping the boxes at New Causeway, Great Altcar.

They then set fire to the waste before leaving the scene next to a stubble field.

The incident took place last summer when the UK was experiencing an extremely hot and dry spell of weather and major wildfires had taken place in different parts of the country, including Lancashire.

The court was told that West Lancs Borough Council officers traced the vehicle back to Stanton. He was interviewed by council officers and admitted that he was driving the vehicle and was responsible for the waste being dumped.

When it was highlighted to him the possible danger setting fire to this waste could have caused he stated that he thought it might rain.

He later repeated in court that he thought it might rain and magistrates responded by saying unless he had been living in a different world they were "at odds" to understand how he was not aware that fires had been a significant problem nationally at the time he committed the offence and the potential harm he could have caused.

Stanton pleaded guilty to fly-tipping and to failing to comply with a legal notice asking him for details of who else was in the vehicle.

The boxes were set alight next to a stubble field during extremely hot and dry weather.

He was ordered to carry out 250 hours community service and to meet up with a probation officer 10 times.

He was also ordered to pay £628.56 costs and an £85 victim surcharge, making a total of £713.56.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for community safety, said: "Fly-tipping is a criminal offence and the severity of the sentence given here highlights this. The fact that the waste was set alight next to a stubble field when the country was experiencing a number of wildfires due to a prolonged period of hot weather adds to the serious nature of this incident.

"The council takes fly-tipping very seriously and will take action against offenders wherever possible."

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

It's wrong to label all people with weight issues as just lazy overeaters

IT is a pity Frank Baybutt (Champion, January 30) and Jim Sharpe did not wait a few days before firing off their rants about fat people. While it is undoubtedly true that a large number of people do overeat, there are also a significant number who do not fit into the simple input-output model that they suggest is the be all and end all of weight control. The human body is much more complex than that.

Recent research shared with the general public the previous week has confirmed that thin people have a genetic advantage over those who are heavier. Studies on family shapes, etc., have suggested this for years but the genetic evidence is now confirming these earlier observational studies.

Even medical conditions such as diabetes and thyroid issues including their treatment are well accepted reasons for weight going up or down. Tumours, hormones, chemical imbalance, physical life changes and even medical treatment are also widely accepted reasons for weight gain without excessive input of food. Even aging can have an influence.

The NHS provide plenty of information regarding medical conditions and weight gain for those who would like or need more information. Like the example given of alcohol dependency this can have psychological influences influencing psychiatric conditions with issues often becoming circular - are they saying that these are not illnesses!

I certainly know plenty of people who are heavier and take more exercise than I do and the complete reverse for thinner people who overeat.

It is quite easy and attractive to categorise people in the way these previous writers have done but it is difficult to distinguish just by cursory observation whether a person overeats or has some underlying condition.

If they can do that then they could be a boon to the medical profession and also provide support to individuals and their families who may have to suffer such judgements.

Stout By Nature, via email, details supplied.

I know what I voted for

I READ with interest the recent article regarding my MP's views on Brexit.

I generally find Rosie Cooper to be an excellent MP who puts West Lancs residents first, and represents them well.

However I take real issue with the comment "West Lancashire voted to leave, but they did not vote to be worse off."

How does she know? Is this pointing out that the Brexit voters didn't think through the implications of leaving, or is it just patronisation?

Maybe it is putting words in the mouths of her constituents, or more likely just saying that leave voters are 'thick'.

I appreciate that we are now more informed than two years ago, however I, and others I am aware of, voted to leave and before we voted we DID consider the likely detrimental impacts of withdrawal, as well as the benefits. For the record I would do so again, worse off or not.

We did not vote for 'leave with a deal', we voted, as West Lancashire did and as a country to 'leave.'

So please, Rosie, don't assume why and why not I cast my vote one way or another. Instead respect the vote and support the will of your constituents and the manifesto of your own political party.

Mick Freeman, by email.

Proposed county council cuts are bad news for borough

LANCASHIRE County Council's proposed budget cuts for the coming year do not bode well for our families, our neighbours or our communities in West Lancashire.

The county council is controlled by a majority of Conservative councillors and it is their proposals which will be presented to full council. Hence, it is very unlikely these proposals will not be voted through on February 14.

All our local residents, but especially the elderly and those in need of practical support in everyday life, their families and carers, will be hit badly.

Very briefly, among the most concerning are the following.

LCC Wellbeing Service will cease, completely, having supported an average of 11,000 people each year since its launch.

Lancashire Break Time to cease, leaving carers without valuable downtime and their children without social interaction.

All LCC Home Adaptation Service provision will cease, no longer supporting falls prevention and assisting with independent living.

Care packages requiring attendance by two carers will be reassessed with the intention of single carer attendance, potentially compromising safety of both carer and client. Charges for use of LCC older people's centres will be increased for those who pay. Access to LCC welfare benefits advice will be restricted.

On street parking charges will apply in Ormskirk town centre. 18,000 street lights, countywide, will be turned out between midnight and 5am. Recycling centres at Burscough and Skelmersdale reduction of opening to 9 to 5 on only five days.

Please do just think what it means for those who will find 'their' cut the straw that breaks their hope and their spirit. Find full details in Service Challenge Savings Apppendices C and D on LCC website.

J. Lennon, by email.

Nothing about 'no deal' on the ballot paper

WITH reference to James Hancock's letter (February 6) I voted in the Referendum and don't recall the 'no deal Brexit' he alleges people voted for being an option on the ballot paper.

Jenny Walton, Ormskirk.

Time to end attrition of local services

DESPITE the Chancellor's recent announcement that the age of austerity is coming to an end, local government finances will continue to suffer cuts in the Revenue Support Grant. According to the Financial Times, there will have been effectively a 77% cut between 2015 and 2020.

This comes after five years of previous reductions, leading to drastic cutbacks in local services. What is left now are the bare bones. The proposed Lancashire County Council 2019/2020 budget will impose cuts in a number of important areas, involving the most vulnerable.

Time now for all local authorities, Tory, Labour or whatever, to put pressure on central government to bring this process of attrition to an end.

Dr Murray Steele, by email.

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Were the moaners never young?

WHY are we still listening to residents moaning about the students?

There can be between 20 and 30,000 students at one time and if all of them decided to go into Ormskirk and make a noise on their way back, you would hear the noise in Liverpool! There may be a few that make some noise but not that many.

Without students Ormskirk would be a dead place. Look at the amount of shops that have closed down and what is in their place!

Did the moaners not have a young life and do things they will not talk about?

By the way, I'm a 72-year-old and can remember being a normal young man. Look back and see what you did when you where young.

Graham Williams, not-so-disgruntled resident.

PICTURE of the week

Speech and language therapist Celia Wilson joins early years pupils at an afternoon of celebration to mark Formby's Redgate Primary School achieving the Elklan Communication Friendly Setting accreditation. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Student flats plan for bus station site is out of character for town

I'M Ormskirk-born and am sad to see the architectural design of the proposed bus station building. It's not Ormskirk at all. It's backward thinking in design and resembles student flats in Liverpool.

We are a quaint market town, not Liverpool, and we should maintain the character of the area. The design reminds me of those rather dated 70s concrete buildings which are an eyesore today.

Also, I believe it's time we looked ahead and developed sites such as this for older people who need transport close-by, along with relevant retailers, doctors and wellbeing services.

Let's halt this flood of student flats of which there are enough. Let's halt the never-ending eateries that are purely student-focused.

Based on the Singapore model whereby residents live in small communities with services to hand, such developments have the potential to create a caring social hub for the aging population and could reduce the pressure elsewhere on the NHS. We could create such a hub on this site.

Sadly, it's all about making as much money as possible for those involved. It's not really about accommodating students, it's about maximising income and that's done with student accommodation.

The developers know very well that this site will be preferential to students and filling them will not be an issue.

There is no demand for extra rooms so it should not be allowed. Are people aware of how many beautiful character homes are being carved up to take students and maximise income? That should be halted too.

With regard to this bus station site, we should move forward of course, but land is precious and council tax payers should have a say as we pay high charges to live in Ormskirk. Students don't pay. They are just guaranteed income for the developers.

Let's use that precious land to care for our Ormskirk people and not add more transient student accommodation to an already saturated pot.

Ormskirk born and bred, by email, details supplied.

Affordable homes for residents should be priority

DURING discussions on the council's proposed Local Plan, the council claimed there was no land available for development in the district, so there was no alternative but to build on green belt.

Furthermore, there was no land available for development in adjoining districts, so we would have to dig up more fields to satisfy their housing requirement. I now read, with some dismay, that there is a proposed redevelopment of the bus station to provide 199 student flats.

Surely if the district so desperately needs housing that it is prepared to dig up green belt land, then the priority should be a redevelopment focused on affordable housing for residents.

Paul Coney, Ormskirk.

● *FURTHER to the recent leaflet distributed around Ormskirk by Downing Students promoting their proposals for the bus station rdevelopment (which should be headed 'Yet more student accommodation development!') I am perplexed as to why residents have not been afforded the automatic courtesy of a full public consultation over an amenity that affects us all.*

The elected councillors surely have a duty to keep Ormskirk's residents aware at every stage of their intentions for OUR town?

Disillusioned resident, details supplied.

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Regulator's glowing report for care home

Report by **Kenny Parker**

AN Aughton care home which provides West End-style entertainment for residents in its own 'Theatre of Dreams' has received a glowing report from regulator the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Management and owners of Springfield Court Nursing Home in Springfield Road are delighted after being given an overall rating of 'outstanding' following the CQC inspection.

The home's previous rating was good after an inspection in 2016.

The inspectors' report told of how they saw "oustanding, person-centred care" and noted how the owners, Wendy and Colin Wilkinson, have lived on site for 30 years and "know the needs of all service-users and consider them to be family."

They also commented on how an extension, originally built in 2010 to increase the number of bedrooms, had become instead a 'Theatre of Dreams',

The report noted: "Six to eight times each year, the theatre was turned into an extravagant venue and the providers organised West End acts to perform." It said the "elegant dinner evenings" were enjoyed by residents, their relatives, staff and the wider community.

Springfield Court activities co-ordinator, Liz Wynne, owners Wendy and Colin Wilkinson, manager Linda Burrows and Pauline Lunt pictured with their 'outstanding' CQC report.

Helena Dennett, CQC's Head of Inspection (North West) Adult Social Care added: "We saw there was a strong desire, led by an experienced management team, to take the time to learn people's histories and experiences, and include them in their care planning. Staff recognised and embraced the importance of people maintaining their interests, personalising the support had a significant positive impact on the people living in the home.

"We also saw how compassionate staff were and how they approached end-of-life care in an empathetic way. Families told us the approach had benefited them and their mental wellbeing.

"It was clear that providing high-quality person-centred care was a priority for the provider, and staff too were highly valued.

"Well done to everyone involved with the service. An excellent example of outstanding care and improvement."

Home manager, Linda Burrows, on behalf of management and the owners, said: We are absolutely delighted to have achieved the outstanding rating from the CQC, which acknowledges the wonderful team of staff that we have here.

"All staff play a magnificent part in ensuring our residents are not only well cared for but that they are also kept entertained, with different activities to suit everybody a major part of our day. It is wonderful that this has been recognised by CQC in their visit."

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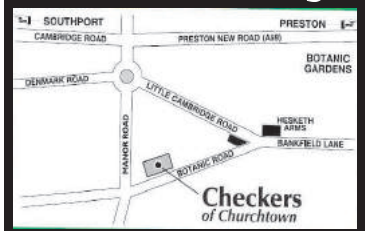

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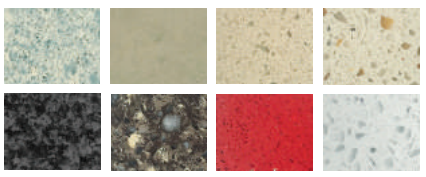

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Cyclists are fine by me - as long as they stick to riding single file

LET'S be clear about this. I do NOT hate cyclists - well not many of them anyway.

We all know of the stupid ones who have the strange idea that things such as traffic lights, zebra crossings and pavements, which it is usually agreed are for walking on, just do not apply to them. But the vast majority simply enjoy their bikes and the undoubtedly good exercise they bring.

In my teenage years (I come from a generation when we still had teenagers, rather than young adults) I rode my *Raleigh Blue Streak* (quite the Bees Knees in the early 1960s) not perhaps for pleasure as such, but as a means of getting around. And more particularly perhaps, because I lived in Maghull but went to school in Crosby, my mum would give me half of the bus fare if I cycled to school. Occasionally though my brother George and I would set off just for a bike ride - Ormskirk and its park was a favourite destination - and we always cycled in line so as to keep out of the way of motorised traffic.

Now I know that if you have an interest, say in cycling, it can often be more fun and sometimes financially prudent, to join a club made up of folk with a similar interest. And in the particular case of cyclists, this will obviously mean peddling off with fellow club members for a healthy day out in the open air. So yes, a lengthy string of cyclists is bound to be a hazard for motorists intent on getting wherever they are going, but I reckon it's reasonable to put up with the occasional hold-up while you wait for a suitable chance to overtake in safety.

Unhappily though, too often these groups of happy cyclists decide they want to chat to each other , which is when they cease to be a reasonable feature of the road and become, to put it bluntly, a menace.

The other day en route to Champion Towers in Southport I was reading my book as usual when I realised the bus was travelling particularly slowly and looked around for the cause. I didn't have to look far.

Ahead of us was a gaggle of happy bikists out for a day's ride - quite a lot of them. But it wasn't the number that was causing the real problem.

The road was narrow, yet these intrepid bike riders were obviously in a sociable mood and were riding sometimes side-by-side chatting, occasionally a third would join in, and the bus was stuck. Not for a minute or two but for at least a mile. A fed-up motorist behind, eventually decided enough was enough and dangerously overtook both bus and cyclists - no doubt recorded on a number of faithful head-cams to be used in evidence in case of accident.

The simple fact is that these cyclists were completely oblivious to the fact that their behaviour was causing frustration and yes, road rage, for all other traffic using that road.

I bet that if any one of them was driving his or her car and was held up for a lengthy period by, say, a caravan, they would start to mutter things like 'Why can't he pull over for a while and let the traffic through?'

Now I'm not even suggesting that those bike riders should have to do that, but they could perhaps ride in two or three groups with a goodly gap between them, and never ride two or more abreast on a narrow road without a thought for the traffic piling up behind them.

I hope I am not a killjoy but I felt for our bus driver who was steadily losing time on his schedule, And I could understand the frustration of the car driver who undoubtedly took a big risk in his overtaking manoeuvre.

I suppose I might well have the full weight of the cycling fraternity ringing the bell (if only most of them had one) and calling 'time' on my ramblings. But, as my old mum used to say: "It's only for your own good!"

School Council members stage their own 'Parliamentary debate' during London trip

PUPILS at a West Lancs primary school enjoyed a trip to London to visit the Department for Education and the Houses of Parliament.

The eight young members of the School Council at All Saints Primary School in Hesketh Bank had been due to meet Jonathan Slater, permanent Secretary for the Department for Education, and their MP, Seema Kennedy, but both were involved in improtant business in Parliament on the day.

However, they were met by Jenni Smitton, Shenara Pennycooke and Orlando Soulsby from the Department for Education and a member of Seema Kennedy's team.

The pupils also enjoyed guided tours of the Department for Education and the Houses of Parliament; listened to debates in both the House of Commons and House of Lords; and even staged their own mock debate at which they 'passed a law' to ban smoking!

Headteacher, Tony Currie, said, "We had the most amazing time and are so proud of every single child - they were great ambassadors for our school.

"For one of the school councillors, Stephanie, it was a particularly momentous occasion as she walked in the footsteps of her late grandfather, David Roebuck who was a Preston Councillor in the 1980s.

"During his political career he held various roles including vice-chair of the Police Liaison Committee alongside the then chairman, former football star, Sir Tom Finney; and in 1987 he stood for Parliament for the Labour Party in South Ribble."

The youngsters pictured at the Houses of Parliament, with Stephanie (far right) holding a photo of her late grandad.

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This February half term, children of all ages are being encouraged to grab their wellies, get outside and join in the North West Puddle Jumping Championships being held at WWT Martin Mere in Burscough, Lancashire.

Children will compete against each other to see who can produce the biggest splash from their puddle jump – as measured by special splash-o-meters. They will also be judged on their enthusiasm and jumping style. Daily winners will be announced throughout the half term and lucky 'super-splashers' will receive fantastic prizes!

As well as the main puddle jumping competition area, there will be a practice zone set up to help entrants perfect their splashing techniques. The craft room will also be open daily for puddle jumping themed arts and crafts.

Victoria Fellowes from Martin Mere said:

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As well as the puddle jumping area, visitors can attend daily talks and feeds to find out more about some of the species at the centre, explore our grounds and reserve, play in our adventure playground, grab a tasty treat from our café and check out our amazing gift shop.

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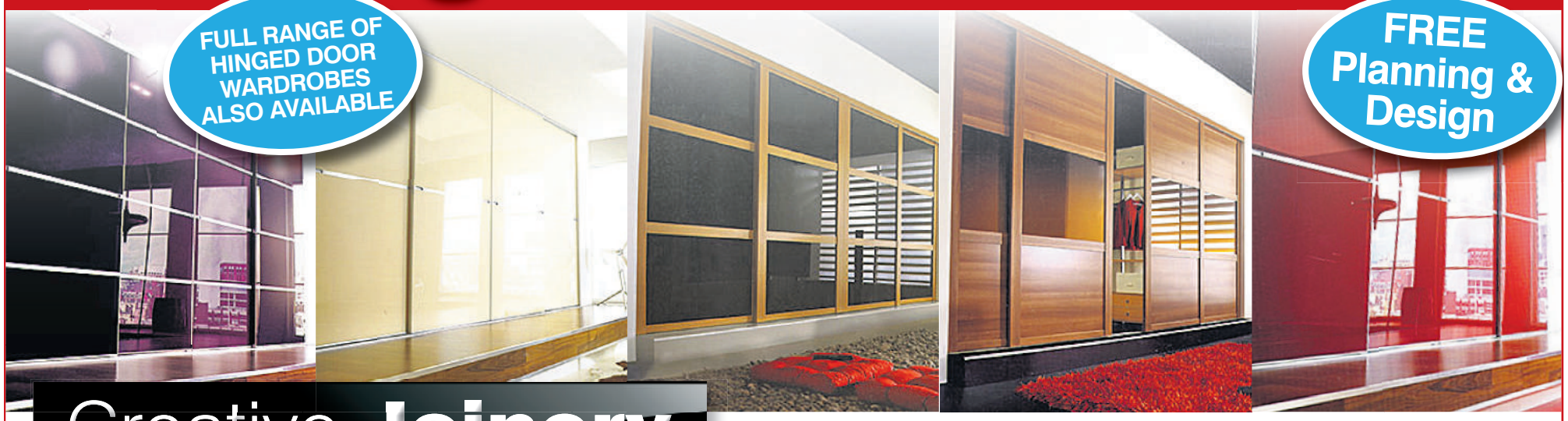

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University and gallery team up for exhibition exploring 19th Century medicine

by **Danielle Thompson**

A FAMILY-friendly interactive exhibition, jointly organised by Edge Hill University, exploring the wonder and fear of 19th-century medical science is currently on display.

Dr Jekyll's Study: Science and Medicine in the 19th Century is set in a Victorian doctor's study, complete with real surgical instruments and medical equipment from the period, and exhibits to test if visitors have the steady hand and nerve needed by a surgeon of that era.

The free exhibition, open from 10am to 4pm, runs at The Atkinson in Southport until Saturday, May 25 and marks the beginning of an ongoing collaboration between the Ormskirk university and the Lord Street gallery.

Dr Laura Eastlake pictured with some of the exhibits.

Specialists

The exhibition has been developed and curated by academics Dr Laura Eastlake, Dr Andrew McInnes and Dr Bob Nicholson, all from Edge Hill's Department of English, History and Creative Writing, and Dr Douglas Small, a Wellcome Trust Research Fellow from the University of Glasgow.

Contributors are all specialists in 19th-century literature, history and medicine, and the exhibition, which is sponsored by Alcohol Research UK and the Past and Present Society, follows Edge Hill's 2018 conference, *Substance Use and Abuse in the Long Nineteenth Century*.

The medical equipment, which includes anaesthetic and ophthalmological instruments, has been loaned by the Thackray Medical Museum, Leeds.

The 19th Century was a time of rapid advances in science and medicine with discoveries about the human body and mind that were thrilling, but could also seem terrifying. Some of the most famous monsters in fiction were inspired by the scientific discoveries of the time and this exhibition explores the connections between 19th-century medicine and literary works that it influenced, such as Frankenstein (1818), Dracula (1897) and The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1886).

Visitors can learn about women like Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, who pioneered new nursing techniques and paved the way for the first female doctors, and see first editions of the Sherlock Holmes stories whose author, Arthur Conan Doyle, also trained as a doctor before turning his hand to writing fiction.

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Beware when walking wintry waterways

THE Canal & River Trust is reminding people to take extra care on the towpaths while enjoying the waterways this winter.

The charity, which cares for 2,000 miles of canals and rivers in England and Wales, has offered the following top tips for towpath visitors this winter:

- Whether running, walking or cycling, be safe and tell someone where you are heading, take your mobile phone.
- The towpath can be slippery when wet and icy so wear sturdy footwear and be careful where you tread. Stay away from the edge.
- Make sure you are wearing enough layers and check the weather before heading out.
- Daylight draws in fast during the winter months so try to avoid routes along icy towpaths in the late afternoon.
- Ice on the canal will not support your weight. Do not step on the ice.

Debbie Lumb, national health & safety advisor at the Canal & River Trust, said: "The waterways look beautiful in the frost and snow and it's no wonder people want to head to the towpath for a wintry walk.

"However, with the cold temperatures and the dark afternoons and nights, it's even more important to remember the potential dangers of walking, running or cycling along the edge of the water.

"Some towpaths aren't lit up after dark and when it's very cold it's all too easy to slip on ice or wet ground and fall in.

"Our message is to take care near the edge of the water, go with someone or tell someone where you are going."

The charity also advises dog walkers to keep dogs on leads during a freeze in case they run onto ice, and to never follow their pets on to a frozen canal.

More information about staying safe near the water is available at website https://canalrivertrust.org.uk.

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Boxer rescue charity launches £250k kennels appeal

A CHARITY which rescues boxer dogs from all over the UK and other parts of the world and currently uses private kennels in West Lancashire has launched a campaign to raise £250,000 to purchase its own kennels.

Joey's Legacy Boxer Rescue was set up 10 years ago by Nicky Healy and is named after her beloved boxer, Joey which passed away in 2012.

Finding the breed to be such a lovable companion, she set up an online forum for other boxer lovers and soon found herself helping to re-home rescue boxers.

The charity came into being after she was approached by the RSPCA to rescue a boxer who was days away from death.

With a small amount of savings Nicky says she invested in a website, vet bills and kennelling fees at a facility in Ormskirk.

Since then the charity has expanded and she now has helpers worldwide - including Spain, Romania and even China - who rescue dogs.

She also has a team of volunteers across the UK to help check out the suitability of potential new owners when looking to re-home dogs.

And although the charity has limited resources it pays vet bills for dogs that come into its care and funds behaviour classes for those that are not ready to be passed on to a new family.

Joey's Legacy also has to pay for kennel bills when they can't re-home a dog, a significant drain on the charity's funds which has prompted Nicky's ambitious plan to purchase their own kennels with a fundraising target of £250,000.

And thanks to a generous donation from one animal lover, they have already raised £40,000 to wards their target.

Nicky said: "We need to greatly reduce the money we spend on boarding kennels so that we can invest more into our dogs and be more hands-on with them on a daily basis. That in turn will mean more successful adoptions, less dogs being returned to rescue and all dogs getting our full attention regardless of day or time."

Nicky Healy (right) with Tracey Hillon and Lynne Wilcock and Carson.

The charity doesn't have its own transport and welcomes volunteers with vehicles to help with home checks and transporting all over the country.

Nicky added that having their own kennels would also enable them to provide opportunities for voluntary work for those wanting to get into the animal care industry.

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The number of people requiring mental health treatment in the UK is rising while at the same time the number of mental health hospital beds has dramatically decreased.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust and the Richmond Fellowship have been working together, to develop alternative ways of providing support for those in mental health crisis. And they have been shortlisted in the 'Best Not for Profit Working in Partnership with the NHS' category of the HSJ Partnership Awards 2019 which aim to highlight the most effective partnerships between the private and third sector and the NHS.

The organisations have been working together since 2016 and have opened two crisis houses in Lancashire, which provide a small number of beds and a safe, home-like environment. They have also developed an innovative model of supporting people who attend A&E in crisis and run a café at The Harbour Hospital in Blackpool, providing apprenticeship opportunities for people recovering from mental ill health to help them get back into employment.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony on March 20 in London.

Health chiefs welcome new GP services contract

A NEW five-year contract for general practice across England, which it is hoped will see extra investment for improved access to family doctors, expanded services at local practices and longer appointments for patients who need them, has been welcomed by regional health leaders.

The deal, the biggest reform to GP services in 15 years, has been approved by NHS England whose chief executive, Simon Stevens said it is the first major pillar implementing the NHS Long Term Plan, just weeks after the plan was published.

The new contract has been received positively by health and care leaders in Lancashire and South Cumbria, who said it would accelerate work underway to sustain and transform primary care.

They believe extra investment will increase the numbers of staff working in general practice, including pharmacists, physios, paramedics, physician associates and social prescribing support workers.

The contract will also see neighbouring practices working together as primary care networks, with multi-disciplinary teams working alongside other community services.

Dr Malcolm Ridgway, senior responsible officer for Primary Care, for Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria, said: "This is fantastic news and a welcome boost that will accelerate our programmes of work to support, sustain and transform primary care.

"One of our key priorities is to grow the general practice workforce to meet current and future needs, and in addition to our work to recruit and retain GPs we are supporting increases in the wider clinical workforce such as nurses, pharmacists, physicians' associates and paramedics working in practices across Lancashire and South Cumbria.

"Our work to support primary care networks is moving at pace, with network agreements in place for all of our practices, and we will continue to work closely with our local clinical commissioning groups and practices to support their development."

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Friendship group shortlisted for national award

A LOCAL friendship group has been shortlisted for a national family-friendly award.

Officials and volunteers at the Ormskirk and Southport District of the Oddfellows were thrilled to discover that they have made the last round of the Best Age-Friendly Welcome category at the Fantastic for Families Awards.

The awards showcase the UK's best family-friendly organisations and contributors to arts and culture and have included the Best Age-Friendly category to recognise venues and organisations which have made an exceptional effort to ensure that older visitors within their communities can access a wide range of activities and events.

Judith Catton, events organiser for the Ormskirk and Southport District Oddfellow, said: "We pride ourselves on being accessible to everybody, but we also recognise the challenges presented in later life for our members. Ensuring our events are spread out over the week and at different times of day helps to provide a fun and varied calendar of events for the older generation to get involved with.

"We also make sure that events are either free or costs kept down so they are affordable for people on low incomes. And we try our best to have mobility-friendly venues and promote lift-sharing for people who struggle with transport.

"Making and maintaining new friends in later life doesn't come as easy as it did in the school playground, so as a group we meet regularly to stay in touch, share some laughs, and look out for each other."

To find out more about the group, call Judith on 01704 545279 or email judith.catton@oddfellows.co.uk.

Fund for schemes to tackle reoffending open for new bids

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw has praised a number of projects which have succeeded in tackling reoffending in the county thanks to funding last year, as the fund reopens for new applications.

With £80k available across four local Reducing Reoffending Boards covering the north, south, east and west of the county, charities, organisations and partners will be able to bid for projects that will work with offenders in their areas and help integrate them back into the community.

The boards understand the concerns and needs of local people and play a key role in identifying the benefits of schemes for local areas. Representatives include Lancashire Constabulary, local authorities and the regional Community Rehabilitation Company.

Last year also saw the appointment of a new chair to help ensure there is consistency in each area and that they work towards the commissioner's priorities.

Clive Grunshaw.

In September last year, more than £160k was provided to nine projects across Lancashire and the commissioner has seen first-hand the work that these have been doing and the positive impact they are having.

He said: "Since my reducing reoffending funding was created, it has been fantastic to hear the real difference the funding has been making, both for individuals and communities across the county.

"Policing alone cannot prevent people reoffending and this opportunity to distribute further funding allows us to build on this work, which is helping turn people's lives around and making Lancashire a safer place, which can only be a good thing."

The commissioner's reducing reoffending funding is currently open for applications, until 9am on Monday, February 25. Any organisations wishing to apply for funding or requring more information should visit https://lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/our-money/grant-funding/lancashire-reducing-reoffending.

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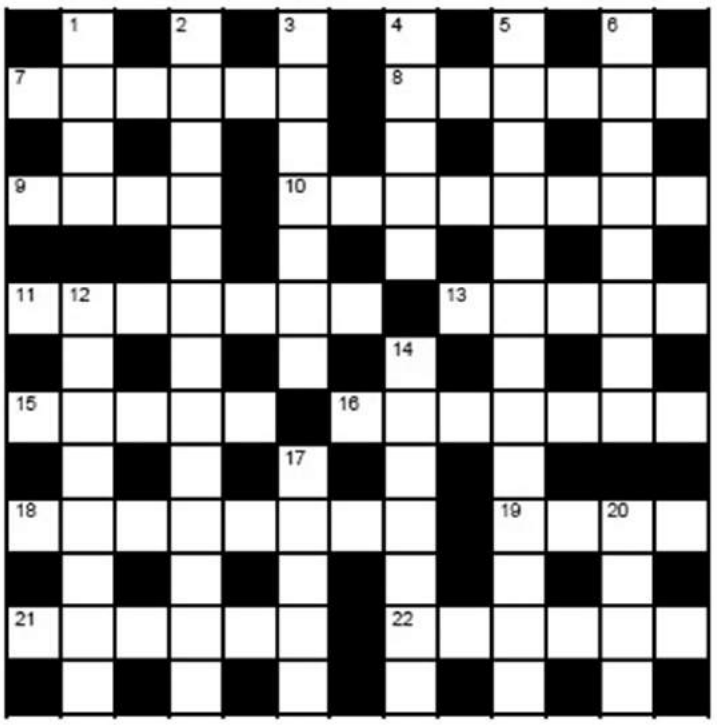

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Across: 7. Repute. 8. Unholy. 9. Jade. 10. Repartee. 11. Hot shot. 13. Roots. 15. Organ. 17. Amplify. 20. Basement. 21. Lure. 22. Set-ups. 23. Emboss.

Down: 1. Pedalo. 2. Rune. 3. Gearbox. 4. Mumps. 5. Charcoal. 6. Fluent. 12. Share out. 14. Smother. 16 Reaper. 18. Forest. 19. Mensa. 21. Lobe.

ACROSS

7. Admirably brave or courageous (6)
8. Thing or circumstance bringing bad luck (6)
9. Brought into existence (4)
10. Witch's pot (8)
11. Untidy or dishevelled appearance (7)
13. Up to the time of; to the point where (5)
15. Speak in a slow, lazy way with prolonged vowel sounds (5)
16. Keepsake, souvenir (7)
18. The faculty or power of using one's will (8)
19. Offspring of a male donkey and a female horse (4)
21. Senior clergyman or chess piece (6)
22. In poor health (6)

DOWN

1. Nought, nil (4)
2. Action or proposal intended to balance others; compensating mass (13)
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4. Watery nasal secretion; mucus (5)
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Half term 'creative' fun on offer at gallery

Venue offering opportunities for children, 8-12

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THIS half-term the Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk will be providing opportunities for children aged 8-12 to explore their creativity through the technology of stop frame animation and kaleidoscopic film.

At Giant Stop Frame Animation on Tuesday, February 19 youngsters can explore the exciting world of animation with this stop frame animation workshop.

Stop frame animation is the film making technique in which objects are physically manipulated in small increments between photographed frames so that they appear to exhibit independent motion when the series of frames is played back as a fast sequence.

Working in teams, children will create a film.

Then at Kaleidoscope Art Film on Friday, February 22 children can design psychedelic patterns and watch them come to life under a giant kaleidoscope. Creating psychedelic, symmetrical patterns, children will record them moving under a large mirrored system to make abstract, looping films.

Both sessions are between 10.30am and 12.30pm and cost £6 each. Places are booked in advance and this can be done by calling the Chapel Gallery, St Helens Road, on 01695 571328, by emailing chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk or through website www.chapelgallery.org.uk.

The gallery is also providing a number of free activities linked to its current exhibitions.

Children can become a history detective looking for clues in images from Opening the Gates, which tells the story of women during WW1. They can also cut out and dress a card doll in uniforms from WW1.

While in The Loop Effect, which explores the process used in digital animation, children can discover the wonder of repeat patterns and colour blending.

Also for children, hiding in the gallery are the Chedarty's, the gallery's friendly family of creative mice. Children are invited to try and find where they are hiding. They can also choose one of the family characters to colour in and add an imaginative background to win a prize.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, cabinet member for leisure, said: "These workshops are going to be very popular with children so book your place as quickly as you can by contacting the gallery."

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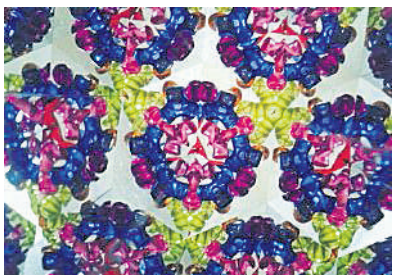

An image created with the kaleidoscope at the Chapel Gallery.

There is a monster load of fun to be had at Ormskirk's Chapel Gallery this summer.

Former Corrie star in show

A NEW version of Bertolt Brecht's Mother Courage and her Children, a 'dynamic' co-production between Headlong and the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester is being staged in the city until March 2.

Julie Hesmondhalgh returns to the stage in this iconic title role and is being joined by a powerful team of actors including Rose Ayling-Ellis, Simeon Blake-Hall, Hedydd Dylan, Conor Glean, Colm Gormley, Kevin McMonagle, Tachia Newall, Nick Pynn and Guy Rhys.

Headlong associate director Amy Hodge directs this new adaptation by Anna Jordan.

Mother Courage and her Children exposes the absurdity of political conflict and the all-encompassing world of war.

Julie Hesmondhalgh studied at LAMDA and is well known for her portrayal of Hayley Cropper in Coronation Street, a role she left after 16 years having won multiple awards.

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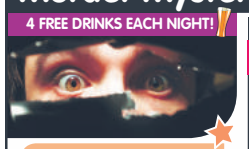

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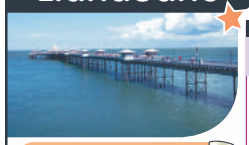

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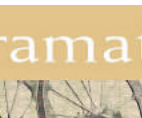

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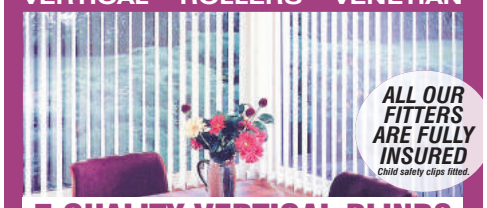

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DEATHS

BROWN GRAHAM ERIC

Passed away at home on Monday 21st Januray 2019
Aged 59 years

Loving Husband of the late Elaine and Dear Brother to David. Funeral service and committal to be held at Thornton Garden of Rest 3.20pm on Monday 18th February.
No flowers by request.
All enquiries to Craven Funeral Directors
0151 228 3900

ROGERS SHEILA MARY

February 3rd 2019
Aged 87 years

Will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends. Funeral service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Monday 18th February 2019 at 1.20pm. Family flowers only please.
Donations if desired for Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.
All enquiries to Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors, 33 Liverpool Road, Southport PR8 4AG.
TEL: 01704 550055

KELLY ANTHONY 'TONY'

Passed away on 13th January 2019
Aged 83 years

Reunited with his Wife Betty and Child Karen.
Beloved Husband, Father, Grandad and Great Grandad.
He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.
The funeral was held at St Teresa's Catholic Church, Upholland at 1pm on 29th January 2019.
All donations to British Heart Foundation.

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DEATHS

LIVESLEY (CLARK) MARGARET JEAN
(nee. Marsh)

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family, Tuesday 5th February 2019 aged 90 years Formally of Bickerstaffe and Scarisbrick

Wife / Widow of Ronald Livesley (Deceased) and George Clark (Deceased) Loving Mother to Tracy, Ian, Graham and Maurice Decd. Loving Grandmother to Sam, Jake, Brian, Lorraine, Jason, Andrew, Sarah, David, Holly, Sarah and Ian and Great-Grandmother to all her loving Great-Grandchildren. Funeral Service at Bescar Lane Mission, Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick on Friday 15th February 2019 at 11:15am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Flowers welcome,

Donations and any further enquiries please to Anabel Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancs, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

HARRIS JOYCE

31st January 2019

Dearly loved Wife of the late James. Devoted Mum to David and Jenifier. Mother-in-law to Jill and Stanley. Nan to James and Daniel and Grandma to Paige, Millie and Faye. Will be sadly missed by all that knew and loved her. Goodnight and God Bless. Funeral service at Christ Church, Ormskirk on Thursday February 14th 2019 at 12:30 pm followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired for The B.H F or The Salvation Army c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Merseyside L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330.

JAMES ADRIAN GREGORY

Passed away peacefully at Southport Hospital 4th February 2019 aged 75 years of Ormskirk formerly of Chorley

Dearly Loved Husband of Mary, Much Loved Dad of Louise, Ann & Clare, Loving Grandad of James, Phoebe, Emma & Zoe, Loved and missed by all her family and friends. Mass to be held at St. Annes R.C Church Ormskirk on Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 12noon, followed by Interment at West Lancs Cemetery. Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice and Medecins Sans Frontieres.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888.

CROSTON ERIC

6th February 2019 Passed away peacefully at home in Aughton aged 76 years

Dearly loved Husband of Pat, Deeply loved Dad of Rachel and Rebecca, and will be sadly missed by Vinny. Funeral Service at St. Michael's Church, Aughton on Monday 18th February at 12.00 noon, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired to Queenscourt Hospice.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, Tel: 01695 424888.

BERRY JEAN MARY (NEE HUNTER)

Jean of Eccleston, formerly Ormskirk passed away peacefully at home with her loving family around her on Saturday 3rd February 2019 after suffering from Cancer for the last year.

Jean, the loving Wife of the late Maurice, beloved Mother to Martyn and Jenna. Devoted Grandma to Louis, Ruby, Evie and Ophelia. A very special friend to Geoff.

Funeral service and committal to take place at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Eccleston on Monday 18th February 2019 at 10am.

Family flowers only, donations welcome in her memory to North West Air Ambulance.

C/o Kenyons Funeral Directors, 180-182 Eaves Lane, Chorley PR6 OAU Tel 01257 276104.

THOMAS DAVID WINFIELD

1st February 2019 Aged 79 years

Died peacefully after a short illness. Loving and devoted Husband of Angela, much loved Dad of Sian and Davina and fun loving Taid of Thomas, James and Elspeth. David will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Landican Crematorium, Arrowe Park Road, Birkenhead, CH49 5LW on Tuesday 26th February at 3:00pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations are being collected for Cancer Research UK. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DRAPER JAMES

Passed away 29th January 2019 aged 33 years

Cherished Partner of Steph. Dearly loved and devoted Dad of Alfie and Katey, Much Loved Son of Alan and Kath. Beloved Brother of Angela, Paul and Claire. Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for Assistance Dogs uk and North West Air Ambulance.

Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Aughton on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at 12 noon, followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888.

LLOYD JOHN HUBERT

3rd February 2019 Peacefully at his home in Scarisbrick aged 95 years

The dearly loved Husband of the late Marie. Loving Dad of Christina, Vivienne, Pat, David and Susan. A dear Father in law, devoted Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 15th February 2019 at 1:45pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Pagents Association.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Scarisbrick & Skelmersdale. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

COX HELENA

Passed away peacefully at Springfield Court 6th February 2019 aged 85 years of Aughton

Much Loved Wife of Malcolm, dearly loved Mum of Peter, Julie and Nicola. Loved by all her Grandchildren. Loved and missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church Aughton on Thursday 21st February 2019 at 12 noon followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for Parkinsons UK.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888.

HUGHES IAN LEONARD

2nd February 2019 Sadly passed away surrounded by his loving family after a brave battle

Beloved Husband of Jeanette, Cherished Dad and Grandad of Lisa, Martin, Emma and Ben, Loved and greatly missed by all his family and friends, Funeral Service at St Michaels Church Aughton on Friday 22nd February at 12:30pm followed by committal at Thornton Crematorium at 1:20pm. Family flowers only. Donations will be gratefully received for Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation,

Donations and further enquiries please to Anabel Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Tel: 01695 424888

VOSE FRANCIS (FRANK)

1st February 2019 Suddenly at his home in Scarisbrick aged 93 years

The dearly loved Husband of the late Doris, loving Dad of Paul, Angela and Anne, dear Father in law of Christine and Alex and devoted Grandad of James, Mark, Stuart, Amy and Rachael. Requiem mass and interment at St Elizabeth's RC Church, Scarisbrick on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 11:00 am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

GOODWIN MARY

29th January 2019 Passed away at home aged 93 years Of Ormskirk, formerly of Liverpool

Dearly loved Wife of the late Ken. Loving Mum to Peter Much loved Grandmother of Louise and Kate Will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral service at Burscough Methodist Church at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 19th February Followed by 2.30 pm committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only with donations gratefully received for the Salvation Army

All enquiries to Craven Funeral Directors 16 Derby Street West Ormskirk Tel: 01695 577 200

BANKS MARTIN

Aged 61 Years

Passed away 1st February 2019 at home surrounded by his family.

Devoted Husband to Carol, loving Dad to Hayley and Helena and proud Grandpa to Jackson and Harlow. Martin will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral service to take place at St Cuthberts Church, Halsall on Friday 15th February 2019 at 1:00pm followed by a private Interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only please, donations are being collected in fond memory of Martin towards BGH GI Cancer support Group, The Racehorse Rescue Centre and The Greyhound Trust. Further enquiries to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165

SEATON ADAM CHRISTOPHER

Aged 20 years

Much loved Son of Karen and Andy, special Brother to Helen, loving Grandson of Alan and the late Pauline Carter and John Seaton and Aideen Seaton. Adam will be greatly missed by all his family, friends and colleagues. A service to celebrate the life of Adam will be held at Emmanuel Parish Church on Wednesday 20th February at 12:30pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Southport District Scouts. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

LARGE ELIZABETH (BETTY)

6th February 2019 Passed away peacefully aged 78 years surrounded by her loving family

Dearly loved Wife of Thomas, beloved Mother and adored Grandmother. Loved and missed by her family and friends. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, doantions if desired for R.S.P.B. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

SOUTH BERNADETTE (BERNI)

7th February 2019 aged 64 years

Loving Sister, devoted Aunty and a cherished friend to many. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

GITTINS JULIA (SHEILA)

31st January 2019 Peacefully in her sleep

Loving Wife of Joe. Adored Mum of Christine, Pauline and Joseph. Nana of Julia, Hannah and Logan. Will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Requiem Mass at St. Helens Church, Crosby on Wednesday 20th February at 11am followed by Interment at Thornton Garden of Rest. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Alzhiemers Society c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 5SE. Telephone 0151 924 4805

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PRESCOTT JOHN ROY

8th February 2019
Passed away peacefully at home in Aughton, aged 83 years

Loving Husband of Rose, Much Loved Dad of Christine, Joe, Ronnie, Cliff, Roy & Families. Funeral Service and Interment at St. Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, on Wednesday 27th February at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for Diabetes UK.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888

BAXTER ALEC

Of Old Hollow
27th May 1938 – 30th January 2019
Age 80 Years

Much loved Husband and best friend to Janet. Alec will be missed by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be missed by Tess the Jack Russell and all who knew him. Funeral Service to be held at Banks Methodist Church on Friday 15th February 2019 at 1pm followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium for close family and friends. Family flowers only however donations are being collected in fond memory of Alec for Southport cyclists club to promote and encourage young cyclists. Further enquiries to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, Lancashire. PR4 6RJ Telephone – 01772 811165

DEATHS

HOMSON PAULINE

4th February 2019
Peacefully at Queenscourt Hospice aged 72 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Wife of the late Joe, a loving Mum and Nan. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

MCDONALD FLUR

Passed away
29th January 2019
aged 24 years
of Southport

Dearly loved and missed by all her family and friends. Committal Service to take place at West Lancs Crematorium on Friday 1st March 2019 at 11.30am, followed by a thanksgiving service at Leyland Road Methodist Church at 12.30 pm.

Flowers and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

McIVOR WILLIAM 'DAVID'

31st January 2019
Aged 70

Dearly beloved Husband of Alexandra, wonderful Father of James and Nick.

'Wise, generous, and always a gentleman, he will be missed by all'.

Funeral service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Friday 22nd February 2019 at 13:20.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Prostate Cancer UK to www.justgiving.com/williamdavidmcivor, or c/o M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

HILLIER JEAN EVELYN

5th February 2019
Peacefully at Springfield Court Nursing Home, Aughton
aged 88 years
of Ormskirk

The dearly loved Wife of the late Keith, loving Mum of Graham and Jacqui, dear Mother in law of Barbara and Steve and devoted Grandma of Tom, Sam, Ben and Robert. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/1108/FUL Single storey rear extension at 25 Springwood Drive, Rufford.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/1311/FUL Demolish front boundary wall in part to create new driveway entrance with a rolling gate to match the existing rolling gate at 15 Granville Park, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0068/FUL Demolition of existing two storey farmhouse and two storey brick built stable block at Smithy Farm, and replacement with a part two storey, part single storey four bed single family dwelling house, including associated hard and soft landscaping and new vehicular and pedestrian accesses at Smithy Farm, Broad Lane, Downholland.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Acts 1981 applies.
2019/0069/OUT Outline - Residential development including details of access (all other matters reserved) at Land To The East Of, Firswood Road, Lathom.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Acts 1981 applies.
2019/0090/FUL Demolition of side porch and detached garage in conservation area. New rear and side extension to existing semi detached house. Alterations to existing house, including new windows and door at December Cottage, 5 Back Lane, Newburgh.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
The personal data you provide will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties in processing planning and related applications. Some of the personal information, including your name and address, you provide will be published. For further information about this notice or how we use your personal data please see: http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning/planning-privacy-notices/level-2-development-management-cil-privacy-notice.aspx and http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/legal-statements-and-foi/privacy-and-data-protection-gdpr.aspx. Hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
Dated: 13th February 2019
PDNOT1032

highways england

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE M57 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 6 NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND ENTRY AND EXIT SLIP ROADS) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (Company No. 09346363) intends to make an Order on the M57 Motorway in the Borough of Knowsley in the County of Merseyside to enable resurfacing, loop cutting, and lining works to do with the junction improvements on the A506 Valley Road Roundabout; to be carried out in safety.

The Order will ban all traffic from the following sections of the M57 Motorway. These closures will take place during 5 separate phases as follows: -

i. phase 1 - the northbound exit slip at junction 6;
ii. phase 2 - the northbound entry slip road at junction 6;
iii. phases 3 and 4 - the southbound exit slip road at junction 6;
iv. phase 5 - the southbound entry slip road at junction 6.

Prohibitions are expected to be in place during continuous periods as follows: -

Phase 1 - 20:00 hours on Friday 8 March 2019 and ending at 06:00 hours on Monday 11 March 2019;

Phase 2 - 20:00 hours on Friday 15 March 2019 and ending at 06:00 hours on Monday 18 March 2019;

Phase 3 - 20:00 hours on Friday 22 March 2019 and ending at 06:00 hours on Monday 25 March 2019;

Phase 4 - 20:00 hours on Friday 29 March 2019 and ending at 06:00 hours on Monday 1 April 2019;

Phase 5 - 20:00 hours on Friday 12 April 2019 and ending at 06:00 hours on Monday 15 April 2019.

However, the above-mentioned works may start and continue during subsequent continuous periods, or continue until completed.

Diversion routes via alternative junctions of the M57 Motorway and local roads will be well signed. Running lanes will be maintained during the Aintree Race Events.

The prohibitions will not apply to works vehicles, but will apply to emergency services, winter maintenance, or traffic officer vehicles. The prohibitions will only apply during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs. The Order comes into force on Thursday 7 March 2019 and has a maximum duration of eighteen months. For further information please contact Sam Smith Telephone Number: 0300 470 6019.

Jane Larnder-Cox, an official of Highways England Company Limited, Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester M1 2WD.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COTTAGE LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Cottage Lane, Ormskirk from the Junction of Brighouse Close to outside property 43 Cottage Lane in the West Lancashire Borough.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 4th March 2019 until 1700 hours on Tuesday 12th March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained for pedestrians.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Cottage Lane – Halsall Lane – County Road – Cottage Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow new connection works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16632/KF]

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PROPERTY WANTED

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

KGT Logistics (North West) Ltd of 8 Mulberry Close, Wellingborough NN8 3JU is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To add an operating centre to keep 10 goods vehicles and 10 trailers at Buffaload Logistics Ltd, East Gillibrands Industrial Estate, Gillibrands Road, Skelmersdale WN8 9TX.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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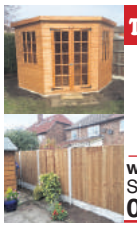

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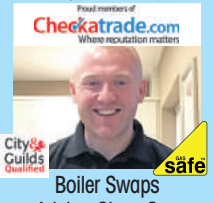

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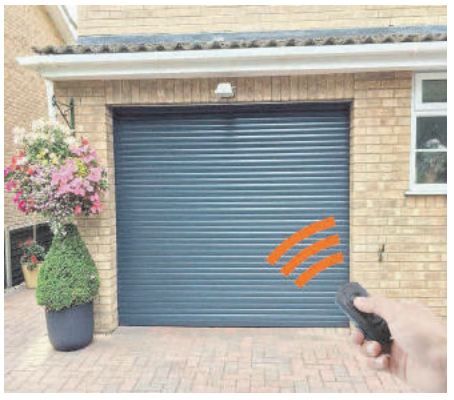

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SUPPOSE Donald Trump – a US president who, whether you love him or loathe him, once vowed to sort out North Korea by chomping on cheeseburgers with Kim Jong-un – starts a nuclear war.

Without wanting to go all *Where The Wind Blows* on you, I reckon there's a fair chance all of us would be completely obliterated in the subsequent missile exchange – except, of course, the cockroaches.

And Morgan, I'd like to bet. Even in the most ridiculously over-the-top post-apocalyptic scenario I reckon there'll still be a queue of people cheerily lining up to buy a Plus 4, completely unmoved by whatever's going on in the wider world because they're delighted that there's no longer a seven-year waiting list. The Malvern sports car manufacturer just quietly got on with doing its bit through two World Wars. It shrugged off The Great Depression, the Three Day Week and The Credit Crunch. Where Armstrong-Siddeley, Austin-Healey, Alvis and Ascari have all come and gone (and those are just the defunct Brit carmakers beginning with 'A'), Morgan's just carried on regardless.

Which is why I suspect, that in a week when Nissan announced it was pulling X-Trail production from Sunderland, Jaguar Land Rover posted a £3.4 bn quarterly loss and Ford's global profits dipped by 50 per cent, Morgan's announced record profits for the third year running. Despite, as it turns out, actually making fewer cars than it did a year ago.

All this even though there are many people – including lots of devoted car nuts – who hate Morgans. There are plenty of perfectly normal, well adjusted people who just don't understand why you'd spend the best part of forty grand (and that's the starting price for a 4/4 these days) for a creaky throwback of a car that's been in production since 1936 and has bits of wood in its construction.

But there are, as it turns out, an equally sizeable army of driving die-hards who really, *really* love Morgans – me included. If I ever won the Lottery (which is extremely unlikely, given that I don't play it) I'd be straight on the phone with an order for a 3 Wheeler and a Plus 4. Chances are they'll be outhandled by any contemporary hot hatch, but that's missing the point – where else are you going to find a car that feels quite so organic to drive? Morgans are old-fashioned and make you work for your thrills, but that's why people find them so endearing.

It could happily churn out Plus 4s for the next 1,000 years and people would still be sticking orders in, but instead it's busy working on a new model - the new 'wide bodied' car, which will fit in where the old V8 models left off last year.

I'm glad that Morgan's on a roll. As long as people are queuing up for quirky sports cars with ash frames, you just know that everything else will be alright…

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Long-serving employee is promoted

IAN MCKEOWN has been promoted to branch supervisor at 06 Vauxhall Skelmersdale after 20 years' service with the dealership.

A spokesman for 06 Vauxhall said: "Being able to offer customers the best service is a key aspect to success and one of the most important factors in delivering that service is the people - which is why knowledge and experience are valued so highly at 06 Vauxhall.

"Ian McKeown, resident Vauxhall expert, has been promoted to branch supervisor at Skelmersdale after working at the company for more than 20 years.

"With his in-depth knowledge of all things Vauxhall, along with always putting customers first and going above and beyond every time, Ian has well and truly earned his stripes."

Adrian Dickson, a 'top-performer' at the company's Ormskirk branch was transferred to Skelmersdale to work as a new service adviser alongside Ian.

06 Vauxhall hope that the duo will deliver a first-class service at Skelmersdale, together with Sue Riley, after sales manager across both Skelmersdale and Ormskirk sites.

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Right: Adrian Dickinson, Sue Riley and Ian McKeown

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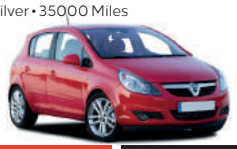

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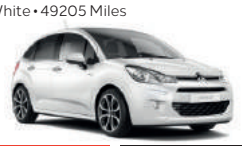

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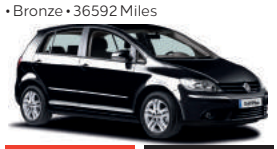

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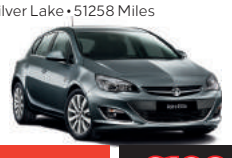

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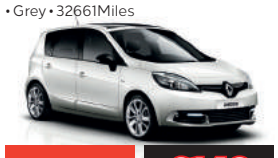

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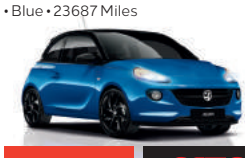

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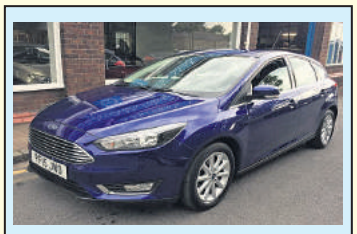

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Burscough set to slip down table due to lack of fixtures

BURSCOUGH'S enforced exile from competitive football continues and Linnets supporters have another 13 days to go before they play again.

It will be a whole month without a game when they visit Irlam on Tuesday, February 26.

A number of restless supporters have commented as to how unfair it is that the North-West Counties League have organised the fixtures this way and how damaging it can be for a club to go so long without playing.

For the record Burscough have not surprisingly dropped to ninth in the Premier Division table and will have games in hand on all those teams around them when they eventually play a league game again.

Burscough next six matches are as follows:

February 26: Irlam (A);
March 2: Barnoldswick Town (H);
March 9: 1874 Northwich (A);
March 16: West Didsbury & Chorlton (H);
March 19: Northwich Victoria (A);
March 23: Whitchurch Alport (A).

	Premier Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	City of Liverpool	28	21	3	4	66
2	Bootle	27	16	4	5	58
3	Congleton Town	27	17	3	7	54
4	Northwich Victoria	26	15	2	9	47
5	Barnoldswick Town	28	14	5	7	47
6	Runcorn Town	28	15	2	11	47
7	Ashton Athletic	28	14	3	11	45
8	Charnock Richard	28	13	3	12	42
9	Burscough	27	11	7	9	40
10	Silsden	29	12	4	13	40
11	Squires Gate *	27	12	4	11	39
12	1874 Northwich	27	10	8	9	38
13	Irlam	25	9	8	8	35
14	Litherland REMYCA *	27	9	7	11	33
15	Whitchurch Alport	27	8	6	13	30
16	Padiham	26	7	4	15	25
17	Winsford United	28	6	6	16	24
18	West Didsbury & Chorlton	28	7	3	18	24
19	Hanley Town	28	6	4	18	22
20	Abbey Hey	27	4	2	21	14

Burscough currently sit in ninth place, but this could change by the next time they play

Skem face tough trip to title challengers as they look to narrow gap to safety

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKELMERSDALE United face a difficult game on Saturday as they travel to Tameside where they will play Mossley.

Skelmersdale need to win but their hosts will be thinking the same, as they are currently four places off the top of Evo-Stik Division One West and still harbour outside hopes of lifting the league title and with it the one guaranteed promotion place.

Skelmersdale will be without central defender Michael White who will be serving the third of a three game suspension caused by his dismissal in the home defeat against Chasetown.

They will also be looking to bounce back after a 6-0 reversal at Ramsbottom United in their last league game.

However, on paper that doesn't look quite as bad now, as in their next game the Rams remarkably drew 5-5 with National League AFC Fylde in the FA Trophy.

Skelmersdale will have had an important home game last night (Tuesday, February 12) against Clitheroe.

If Skelmersdale win, and it is possible, it will boost their hopes greatly, especially as it is turning into a four way fight to avoid the two relegation places, Clitheroe, Glossop North End and Kendal Town the other immediate protagonists.

On the trip to Mossley, a repeat of last season's result would be very welcome to manager Paul McNally when a 4-4 draw was one of the highlights of the season when Skem fought back from three goals down.

Mossley won 5-1 when the two met at Prescot in November.

On Saturday they won 4-1 at Widnes, but lost their last home game 2-0 to league leaders Atherton Collieries.

Before that you have to go back to December 1 to find a loss, 1-0 at Newcastle Town.

They are far from invincible at home though winning only seven of thirteen home league games. Although a victory is unlikely on Mossley's inconsistent home form it could be said that it is far from impossible.

Michael White is still suspended for Skem. Picture by John Driscoll

They stil have an outside chance of winning the league, but they are currently in fourth spot in the table and 11 points behind league leaders Atherton Colleries, but a win against Skem could put them in a good position to push on for the remainder of the season.

Skelmersdale go international on Saturday, February 23 when they play Colwyn Bay away, and then in the first week in March they arguably face a pair of crucial home games that will almost certainly decide their end of season fate.

Glossop at home on Saturday, March 2, followed by Kendal Town at home on Tuesday, March 5.

Having those two games up their sleeve has retained hope down at Skem; a pair of victories could conceivably turn their season around. They will need all the support they can get in those.

	Club	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Atherton Collieries	26	19	1	6	68	27	41	58
2	Runcorn Linnets	25	16	4	6	46	36	10	52
3	Radcliffe Borough	25	15	5	5	55	23	32	50
4	Mossley	26	14	5	7	60	34	16	47
5	Leek Town	23	13	5	5	52	20	32	44
6	Prescot Cables	25	13	4	8	59	42	17	43
7	Trafford	27	12	7	8	40	32	8	43
8	Ramsbottom United	23	12	6	5	46	26	20	42
9	Colne	24	12	5	7	45	33	12	41
10	Colwyn Bay	27	11	6	10	48	42	6	39
11	Widnes	26	10	4	12	41	44	-3	34
12	Kidsgrove Athletic	23	7	9	7	27	25	2	30
13	Droylsden	23	9	3	11	43	45	-2	30
14	Newcastle Town	24	6	10	8	35	40	-5	28
15	Chasetown	27	6	8	13	35	49	-14	26
16	Market Drayton Town	26	7	5	14	38	70	-32	26
17	Clitheroe	25	5	5	15	35	61	-26	20
18	Glossop North End	25	3	8	14	25	55	-30	17
19	Kendal Town	24	4	4	16	22	52	-30	16
20	Skelmersdale United	25	1	6	18	18	72	-54	9

Skem are rooted to the bottom

Edge Hill women's team in action

Women's team crush Bangor to boost hopes of league triumph

EDGE Hill University's women's team produced an eye-catching result when they crushed Bangor 13-2.

The huge victory puts them right in the mix for the Northern 2A league title. Having edged a nine-goal thriller last time they faced the Welsh side in October, such a one-sided scoreline was not expected – but having gone 3-0 in the first five minutes, there was no coming back for the visitors who eventually trailed 8-1 at the break.

Ruby Howard, Mia Pemberton, Tori Baxter (her first goals for the team), Annabel Ainscough and Chelsey Jukes all scored twice, with Cara Bickett, Kayleigh Monaghan and Chloe Green also on target.

Meanwhile, Edge Hill University's women's hockey team are just one win away from a second successive league title after claiming a 2-0 revenge victory at title rivals Manchester thirds. Having suffered their only defeat this term to the same opposition, a 5-2 reverse in late November, they came back to produce an impressive display.

Forward Anna Hollis celebrated her selection for the England Universities squad with the opener, with Yasmine King sealing the win.

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